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SUBJECT: ARAB TELECOM MEETING IN TUNIS

REF: STATE 251586

1. ECON COUNSELOR BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF ACTING  
MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS ABDUL AZIZ QURAYSHI AND  
HIS DEPUTY OMAR FAQIEH NEED FOR ARAB STATES TO CONSULT  
IN INTELSAT BEFORE PROCEEDING TO FORM A REGIONAL SATELLITE  
PROJECT. FAQIEH CALLED IN FAYSAL ZAIDAN, WHO WILL BE  
THE HEAD OF THE SAUDI DELEGATION TO THE TUNISIAN-SPONSORED  
CONFERENCE OF THE ARAB TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION. BOTH  
SAID THAT THEY WERE WELL AWARE OF THE NEED TO CONSULT  
WITH INTELSAT ON THE SATELLITE PROJECT. ZAIDAN, WHO  
IS DIRECTOR GENERAL AND FORMER ACTING DEPUTY MINISTER OF  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND WHOSE FATHER WAS DEPUTY MINISTER  
FOR MANY YEARS AND STILL HAS SUBSTANTIAL INFLUENCE ON  
SAUDI POLICY, SAID THAT THE TUNIS MEETING MIGHT OR MIGHT  
NOT APPROVE A SATELLITE PROJECT (PRESS REPORT NOV 25  
CLAIMED THAT SATELLITE PROJECT HAS BEEN REFERRED TO A  
MEETING IN KUWAIT AT SOME LATER DATE).

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2. EMBASSY TUNIS MAY FIND ZAIDAN A USEFUL CONTACT.  
HE IS U.S. EDUCATED AND IS INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT

ABOUT SATELLITE TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN GENERAL, INCLUDING  
A POSSIBLE DOMESTIC SATELLITE FOR SAUDI ARABIA.

3. DEPT COMMERCE EXPERT CHARLES WILK WHO HAPPENED TO  
BE IN RIYADH IS A PART OF THE U.S./SAUDI COMMISSION  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A SURVEY OF SAUDI TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
WAS ALSO BRIEFED ABOUT THE MATTER. COMSAT DIRECTOR  
ROBERT OWEN, WHO IS NEGOTIATING A CONTRACT FOR SUPER-  
VISING TECHNICAL PART OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF SATELLITE  
STATIONS FOR THE KINGDOM, WAS ALSO PRESENT.

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